

A Message from the UMFA President

I recently returned from the annual convention of the National Flute Association. I have attended many of these conventions over the years (along with thousands of other flutists from all over the world) and never fail to find them inspiring – listening to a mind-blowing performance, discovering a wonderful new piece, learning from lectures and demonstrations on an amazing array of flute-related topics, scoping out interesting exhibits, and breathing the same air as some of my favorite “rock star” flutists – all while meeting flutists from all walks of life and renewing friendships made during past conventions.

At this convention, however, I was seeing things through a different lens, knowing that next year the convention will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Plans are already well underway, and anticipation is building. For those of you who have never had the opportunity to attend, I strongly encourage you to mark the dates on your calendar – August 10-13, 2017 – and take advantage of having minimal expenses for travel and lodging. This is the first time since 1990 that the NFA Convention has been held in Minneapolis, so it could be another 20 or 30 years before this happens again. As they say, “Carpe Diem!”

If you have never had the privilege to attend one of these conventions, it is difficult to describe, so allow me to give you some numbers. This year, the convention had approximately 3,000 attendees, and its four days of events included more than 11 master classes, 19 workshops, 16 lectures/lecture recitals/panel discussions, 42 chamber music concerts (both large and small ensembles, some comprised only of flutes, some with other instruments or vocalists), 25 exhibitor showcases, 19 flute choir performances, and 34 flute recitals. These numbers do not include evening Gala Concerts, the late night cabaret concerts and jam sessions, or competitions (Young Artist, High School Soloist, Piccolo Artist). Obviously, it is impossible to attend every session, but there is clearly something for everyone at all hours of the day.

Locally and on a slightly less grandiose scale, UMFA also has some exciting events planned for the coming year!

Set aside October 29 for our second annual Flute Marathon concert at the Mall of America. This event is a fun and inspirational way to provide funding for our need-based scholarship program.

One week later, on November 5, the spotlight is on Flute Ensembles at our Flute Choir Showcase. In addition to reading sessions, workshops, and performances by several of our local community flute ensembles, UMFA’s Honors Flute Choir, comprised of talented middle school and high-school flutists, will perform during Flute Choir Showcase.

Flute Fest will take place on March 25 with guest artist Mimi Stillman, the Young Artist and Laudie Porter Memorial Competitions, and many other performances and events.

For further details on all these events and others, check out the relevant articles in this newsletter or go to umfaflutes.org for the latest information.

Trudi Anderson - UMFA President

UMFA Calendar of Events: 2016 - 2017

Oct 16, 2016
PARLOR CONCERT
2:00PM
HOME OF JENNIFER KENNARD

Oct 20, 2016
TRUDI ANDERSON &
BETHEL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
7:30PM
BETHEL UNIVERSITY GREAT HALL

Oct 27, 2016
FLUTESPIRATION QUARTET
THURSDAY MUSICAL RECITAL
10:30AM
MACPHAIL CENTER FOR MUSIC

Oct 29, 2016
MARATHON FLUTE CONCERT 2016
10AM - 6PM AT THE
MALL OF AMERICA SEARS COURT

Nov 1, 2016
APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR SPRING
SCHOLARSHIP PERIOD
umfaflutes.org/Scholarships

Nov 5, 2016
FLUTE CHOIR SHOWCASE/HONORS
FLUTE CHOIR - GOOD SAMARITAN
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Jan 29, 2017
PARLOR CONCERT
LOCATION - TO BE DETERMINED

Mar 15, 2017
APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR
SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP PERIOD
umfaflutes.org/Scholarships

Mar 25, 2017
FLUTE FEST 2017
LOCATION - TO BE DETERMINED

May 7, 2017
PARLOR CONCERT
LOCATION - TO BE DETERMINED

Aug 10-13, 2017
2017 NATIONAL FLUTE CONVENTION
MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION CENTER

Celebrating Ten Years of the Flute Choir Showcase

By Cindy Farrell

Ten years ago, the Flute Choir Showcase was just a twinkle in UMFA's eye. Co-creators/chairs Deb Metz and Cindy Farrell launched the first ensemble event in 2006 and maintained a growing momentum until 2011, when they stepped down as organizers. Although the scope of the Showcase has changed through the years, the enthusiasm of flute ensemble participants has remained constant.

This year will be the 10th annual Flute Choir Showcase. The event will be held on Saturday, November 5th at Good Samaritan United Methodist Church in Edina. The day will feature vendors and exhibitors, a Low Flutes

Workshop, a sight-reading session, and plenty of wonderful flute ensemble music performed by area flute choirs. Participants who wish to stay for the entire day may bring a lunch or pre-order boxed lunches from Davanni's.

Sharing the stage with established flute ensembles will be the students who will form the Honors Flute Choir, which features exceptional seventh through 12th grade students nominated by UMFA teachers. These select students will rehearse and perform under the direction of Dr. Paula Gudmundson, Assistant Professor of Flute at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

Groups wishing to participate may register online by going to the UMFA website, clicking on "Events" and then clicking on "Flute Choir Showcase." The link for the registration form is at the bottom of the page. Further information about the Showcase may be obtained by e-mail: flutemama22@gmail.com.

Come be part of this celebration! Bring your flute and join us for the reading session and workshop. Greet flute friends, shop for all things flute, and enjoy fellowship and lovely music by the combined voices of the instrument we all love!

UMFA 2016 Honors Flute Choir

By Deb Metz

The Upper Midwest Flute Association is offering seventh through 12th grade flute students the opportunity to perform in the Honors Flute Choir at the Flute Choir Showcase on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at Good Samaritan United Methodist Church in Edina.

This performance will be part of a day devoted to all members of the flute family played by ensembles of all sizes and ages.

Dr. Paula Gudmundson, Assistant Professor of Flute at the University

of Minnesota Duluth, will be the Conductor of the 2016 Honors Flute Choir. Music will be divided among all members so that everyone has an opportunity to play different parts. Concert music may include piccolo, alto flute, and bass flute parts.

Teachers are asked to nominate students who are both interested and qualified to join this ensemble. There is no audition required, but participants should be at an advanced playing level and are expected to perform with one

rehearsal (held earlier on the day of the Flute Choir Showcase).

A nomination form is available on the Upper Midwest Flute Association website (umfaflutes.org). Nominations must be received by October 7. Questions may be directed to the 2016 Honors Flute Choir Coordinator, Deb Metz (honorsflutechoir@gmail.com).

Donate Your Used Flute

by Carny Berg

Do you know where your old flute is?

If you have no plans to use your flute, perhaps you would consider donating it to UMFA to place in the hands of a student who might not otherwise have access to an instrument. UMFA is partnering with Hopewell Music Cooperative North, a music school in North Minneapolis, who serves underprivileged youth giving free and reduced lessons for scholarship students. Since UMFA is a 501(c)3 organization, donations are tax-deductible. Let a student breathe new life into your instrument!

Parlor Concerts: An Intimate Afternoon with Flutes and Friends

By Vanamali Medina

You are invited to an afternoon of flute music and friendship! The first UMFA Parlor Concert of the 2016-2017 season will be on Sunday, October 16th at 2:00 p.m. at the house of Jennifer Kennard. Whether you've been playing for several decades, several months, or are rediscovering our beautiful instrument after a hiatus, all are welcome. Any piece, whether accompanied with piano, unaccompanied, or performed as a chamber ensemble would be a great addition to our program—the more variety, the better! If you don't have a piece ready to debut just yet, we hope you'll come to listen and share in our community.

Please contact Vanamali Medina at UMFA.parlor.concerts@gmail.com or 612.812.2715 if you are interested in



Russell Dedrick and Polly Meyerding perform Petrassi's "Dialogo Angelico" at a Parlor Concert

performing or attending. In order to maintain an accurate head count for our host, we ask that you please RSVP by Oct 7, at which time you will receive the street address. Please respond as soon as possible!

For any pieces requiring piano, there will be rehearsal time available from

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. before the recital. Our pianist's fees for the day of the recital are covered by UMFA as a service to its members. Performers are also free to schedule an outside rehearsal at their own expense. Please send a scan of the score along with your RSVP or make a copy to send in the mail.

We often enjoy reading flute choir pieces after the concert, so bring your flute, piccolo and/or low flutes and join us. We hope to hear from you soon. Thank you to all hosts for opening their homes to us.

Mark your calendars now for our next two Parlor Concerts on January 29, 2017 and May 7, 2017!

2016 Marathon Flute Concert

OCTOBER 29, 2016 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. AT THE MALL OF AMERICA SEARS COURT

Come join us for an epic all-day concert designed to support the UMFA flute student scholarship program! We are looking for performers, volunteers, and donors.

Teachers, please encourage your students to perform!



How you can participate:

- Perform: All ages and levels are invited to play, from beginner students to professionals. We would love to have ensembles as well as soloists, and any instrumental group is welcome as long as at least one flute is involved. Non-Western flutes are welcome as well.
- Volunteer: We have a variety of jobs to be done before, during, and after the concert. Any amount of time you are willing to give is appreciated!
- Donate: UMFA is accepting monetary donations for the scholarship program and instrument donations for its partner organizations. Our fundraising goal for this fall is \$5,000.
- Spread the word by telling people about it and liking and reposting UMFA's Facebook posts!
- Come watch the show!

Details and performer/volunteer applications: <http://umfaflutes.org/MarathonFluteConcert>

Application deadline: Friday, September 30, 2016.

Contact: UMFAscholarships@gmail.com

Support UMFA's Flute Student Scholarship Program!

UMFA's scholarship fund provides financial assistance for flute students of all ages and levels who are permanent residents of the Upper Midwest. Scholarships may help cover the costs of private lessons, master classes, or summer music camps for students who demonstrate financial need and dedication in their studies.

To provide further support for students, UMFA maintains partnerships with the MusicLink Foundation and with Hopewell Music Cooperative North. Both organizations provide additional resources for students, including instruments, programming, and financial assistance.

This fall, we hope to raise \$5,000 for the scholarship fund using the Marathon Flute Concert and Give to the Max Day. Monetary and instrument donations are accepted year-round. All donations are tax-deductible. Your generosity and your assistance in spreading the word will help provide invaluable educational opportunities for deserving students!

- Read more at <http://umfaflutes.org/Scholarships>
- Upcoming Application Deadlines: November 1, 2016 (spring) & March 15, 2017 (summer).
- Questions about eligibility & applications: umfa.scholarship.apps@gmail.com
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at the Minneapolis Convention Center**

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The Upper Midwest Flute Association is very pleased to announce that we have been awarded a 2016 grant from MRAC. Thanks again to Nancy Maloney for her consistent and fruitful efforts on our behalf.



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Registration Date: _____

Membership Type: New Renewal

(Membership year is Sept. 1 to Aug. 31)

Name _____ Email _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____

If the address above is not a year-round address, please provide a secondary address along with start and end dates for that address.

Additional Information:

- I am willing to be a volunteer
- I prefer a print newsletter
- I am a flute teacher
- I am a registered Suzuki flute instructor
- I teach at the college level
- I play in this flute ensemble: _____
- I am the director of this flute ensemble: _____
- I do not want my contact information listed in the UMFA Directory

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Full-time student <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary <input type="checkbox"/> Jr High <input type="checkbox"/> Senior High <input type="checkbox"/> College	\$15	\$20
Adult	\$30	\$35
Family	\$40	\$45
Donation <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Program	\$____	\$____
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